

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a neuro-degenerative disorder or a neuro-developmental disorder comprising the step of:

contacting a neuropathic hippocampal ~~neurons~~ neuron under *in vitro* conditions with an amount of an isolated nucleic acid encoding full-length TrkB, whereby said amount of said isolated nucleic acid is sufficient to increase the amount of full-length TrkB in said neurons compared to an untreated neuron.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

4-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended). A method of treating a neuro-degenerative disorder or a neuro-developmental disorder comprising the step of:
contacting a neuropathic hippocampal ~~neurons~~ neuron under *in vitro* conditions with an amount of a vector sufficient to alter the ratio of amount of full-length TrkB polypeptide to truncated TrkB polypeptide in said neuron.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein said vector comprises a nucleic acid encoding full-length TrkB.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a virus and a plasmid.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said virus is selected from the group consisting of a herpes virus, adenovirus, adeno associated virus, retrovirus, vaccinia virus, and canary pox virus.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein said nucleic acid comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

19.-54. (Canceled)